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SUBJECT: CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN UN DISENGAGEMENT OBSERVER
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1. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER SHARP ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT
MAY 30:

BEGIN QUOTE

I AM SURE ALL CANADIANS SHARE THE GOVERNMENT'S
GRATIFICATION AT THE ACHIEVEMENT OF A DISENGAGEMENT
AGREEMENT BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA. THIS DEVELOPMENT
WILL NOT ONLY BRING AN END TO THE FIGHTING IN THE
MIDDLE EAST BUT SHOULD ALSO OPEN THE WAY FOR MEANINGFUL
NEGOTIATIONS ON A PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THAT LONG TROUBLED
REGION.

ALL THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED AND PARTICULARLY
ISRAEL AND SYRIA ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED ON THE
STATESMANSHIP THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED. WE ALSO
ADMIRE THE TIRELESS EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES
SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. KISSINGER, WHOSE OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTION WAS REWARDED WITH FINAL SUCCESS.

ALL EYES WILL NOW TURN TO GENEVA WHERE THE
DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT IS TO BE SIGNED, THEREBY
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OPENING THE WAY FOR NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SETTLEMENT

OF THE POLITICAL PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST. IT IS
OUR EARNEST HOPE THAT THESE NEGOTIATIONS WILL ALSO BE
SUCCESSFUL SINCE THEY COULD NOT ONLY BRING PEACE TO
THE AREA BUT ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO A LESSENING OF TENSION
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

IF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL ON
INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND AFTER
CONSULTATION WITH THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT REQUESTS
CANADIAN PARTICIPATION IN THE U.N. DISENGAGEMENT
OBSERVER FORCE WE ARE PREPARED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY.

END QUOTE.

2. IN REPOSE TO PRESS QUESTIONS IN VANCOUVER, SHARP
SAID THAT ABOUT 125 MEN WOULD BE DETACHED FROM CANADIAN
CONTINGENT IN UNEF FOR UNDOF AND THAT NO ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL
WOULD BE SENT FROM CANADA; AND THE UNSYG WOULD HAVE TO HAVE
AGREEMENT OF PARTIES TO ACCEPT CANADIAN PARTICIPATION.

3. EXTAFF IS TELLING PRESS THAT CANADIAN ROLE WOULD
BE SIMILAR TO THAT IN UNEF, LOGISTICS, COMMUNICATIONS,
ETC.
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